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MEMORANDUM FOR : Colonel [redacted]

THROUGH : Chief, Development Branch, DFD-DD/P

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SUBJECT : GXCART [redacted] Fuel Procurement

REFERENCE : (a) Meeting Between AFCIG-5, DB/DFD, Pratt and Whitney, 20 February 1961 at Headquarters.

(b) Meeting Between AFCIG-5 and DB/DFD, 11 April 1961 at Headquarters.

1. In keeping with the multiple source fuel supply concept as discussed at reference (a) and (b) meetings, the following steps have been taken.

(a) GXCART category three security clearances were processed for:

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(1) [redacted] - Shell Oil cleared previously by
(2) [redacted] Esso Standard Oil
(3) [redacted] Ashland Oil
(4) [redacted] Sonoco Mobil Oil

These clearances were processed for the purpose of soliciting proposals for GXCART fuel production, technical guidance, and monitoring through transportation and storage to the airplane.

(b) Informal proposals were solicited as follows:

(1) (Shell - approximately or prior to 12 May 1961 by AFCIG-5)
(2) Esso - 26 May 1961
(3) Ashland - 23 May 1961
(4) Sonoco - not yet solicited; cleared but not briefed

It is felt that the above four refineries represent a good cross section of the petroleum industry and a fair foundation upon which to base selection.

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2. The Esso proposal was made ready and available 31 May 1961 but was not submitted because of previous AFCIG-5 schedule commitments. The Ashland and Socony proposals have not been submitted to date.

3. On 31 May 1961, DR/DPD was advised that Shell had been given an informal go-ahead for the technical guidance and monitoring through transportation and storage but not for the production of the fuel itself.

4. Request that DR/DPD be advised of current fuel procurement planning so that further action as deemed appropriate may be taken concerning the briefing of [redacted] of Socony and the final solicitation of fuel production proposals from Esso and Ashland.

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5. DR/DPD is in complete agreement with AFCIG-5 concerning the necessity of the multiple source concept and therefore recommends that the pursuit of the additional proposals cited in paragraph 4 be continued.

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